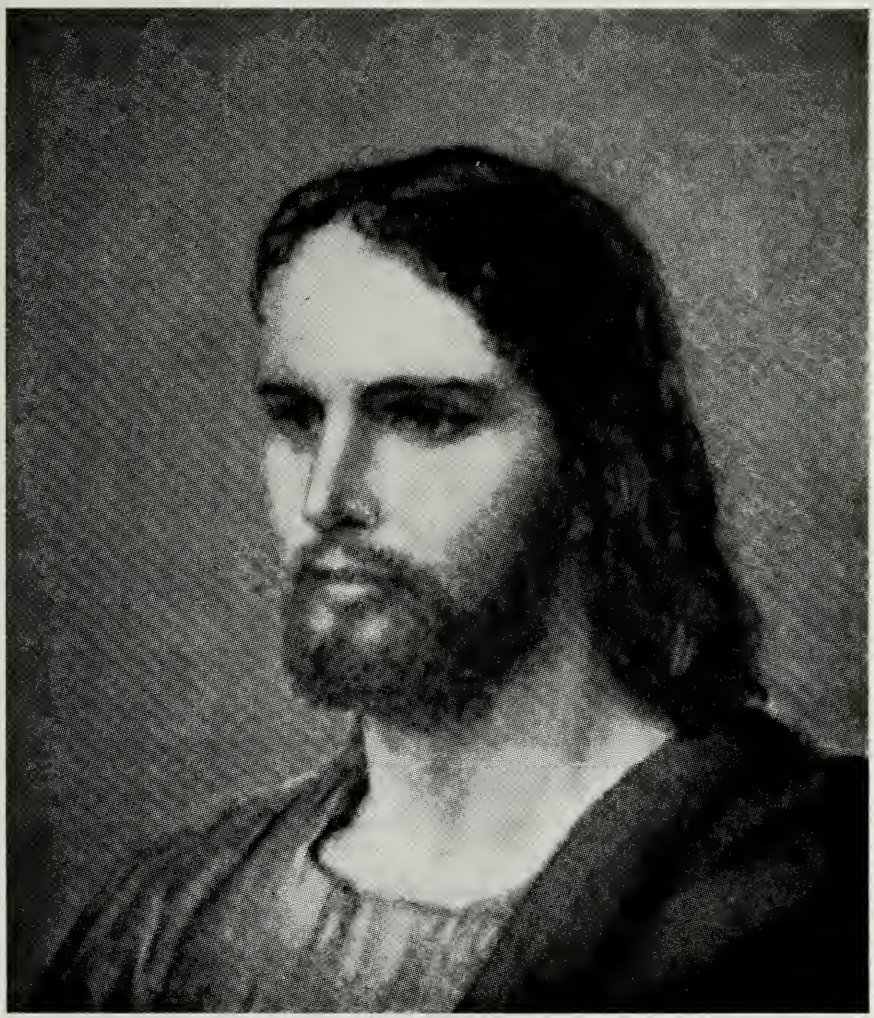

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The Second Guess

LONG ago in ancient Israel, the Lord called a strong and fearless leader to be king of Israel. Then through Samuel he was commissioned to proceed against the Ammalekites and destroy them root and branch. Saul proceeded to his task, but before long he began to "second guess" Samuel. Why do it the way Samuel suggested? Surely it would be better to save the sheep and the cattle. Samuel doesn't understand the local conditions. Samuel makes mistakes, etc., and so Saul set aside the counsel he received and proceeded to do it his way. Then the Lord spoke to Samuel as follows: "It repenteth me that I have set Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments." Saul began to "second guess" his instructions and lost his throne in Israel.

How many of us as members of the Church permit ourselves to fall into the same trap. The Branch Presidency announces a programme or policy for the Branch and immediately we begin to "second guess" them: why pick such colours in the remodelling-who chose the rug? they are putting on a play in M.I.A. but I wonder who chose it, it will be a failure; who picked this lesson book for the year—it's dull and uninteresting. So we fall into the habit of "second guessing" everything done in the Branch.

The Lord of the vineyard called workers to labour in his vineyard. One at one time, one at another time, and still another at a third time. Then at the close of the day he paid them all alike. This caused some to find fault and begin to "second guess". The implication of the parable to me has always been to labour in the part of the vineyard assigned to me, and make it neat and tidy. I will not criticise the other workers in the vineyard. I'll just take proper care of the work assigned to me and leave the manage it, I will wait until he calls vineyard. If he wants me to manage it I will wait until he calls me to the job.

How often we criticise the Branch President about the way he is managing the vineyard, when all the time we are the least profitable servant labouring there. We get so busy worrying about how the Branch President is running the vineyard we haven't time to care for the section assigned to us, and it becomes overgrown with weeds. Would we not be better employed to do the job to which we have been called, leaving the tasks to which we have not been called to those who have. The most important job we will ever have in the Church is the one in which we have been asked to serve right now

Sometimes things are done for the good of the work which we cannot see or understand from the position we have been asked to fill. Rather than begin to "second guess" would we not be better employed if we could develop the proper attitude as shown by Adam. "And he gave unto them commandments, that they should worship the Lord their God, and should offer the firstlings of their flocks, for an offering unto the Lord. And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord."

"And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: "Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?" And Adam said unto him: "I know not, save the Lord commanded me." (Moses 5:5-6.)

President O. Layton Alldredge.

The LIGHT of the Gospel

DURING the month of April, we commemorate two of the most significant events that have ever taken place upon the face of the earth. Nineteen-hundred and sixty-three years ago the Saviour was crucified, atoning for all mankind's sins, and three days later he was resurrected, never to lay down his body again; and one hundred and sixty three years ago His kingdom was restored to the earth never to be taken away again.

We, the Saints in His Kingdom today, are the most blessed people that have ever lived upon the earth, for if we will but live the commandments we can be full partakers of all of the blessings which he has in store for his children. He has restored His complete Gospel to the earth, that is, He has given us every needful commandment and ordinance to make it possible for us to regain His presence, and we partake of his blessings as we show him our worthiness The atonement of Christ gives us the opportunity of becoming clean in the sight of God through sincere repentance. He has paid for every sin that has been, or will be committed upon the earth, so if we will but avail ourselves of this blessing, making complete and sincere restitution for wrongs, we will be eternal partakers of His joy.

Our Father in heaven loves his children so dearly and is so concerned with our welfare that He gives us council, leaders, knowledge, His Gospel, His grace and more love and understanding than we can comprehend, and we only need have sufficient faith to reach out and pick from His tree of mercies. All of these blessings are available for the righteous, but for the wicked there is no promise. The wicked grope in their own ignorance and sin, not knowing nor partaking of any spiritual blessings. However, they are only lost sheep from God's fold. They too can become partakers of God's blessings upon presentation of fruits sufficient to warrant them. However, because of their state, they are unable to help themselves. Can the blind lead the blind? If the blind can't lead the blind then the responsibility falls upon those in the light to show the way. You and I as partakers of God's Gospel have the responsibility of making it known to those who are thirsting for it. It is a responsibility which we can't shirk, because we have been blessed with the light and if we put it "under a bushel" condemnation falls upon us. So members of the kingdom, "show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." Let your light shine in your office, neighbourhood, in your dealings with people and in all other affairs and associations. Be worthy of the love and mercy which is yours from God by sharing it with others so that they too may become heirs of His kingdom.

PURPOSE OF LIFE

By Shirley Woolf

Bulawayo Branch

MANY a heartache has to be suffered; many a trial has to be endured; many times the path of life will be lonely and hard. Life will always seem hard and without purpose if we don't understand or know about the Gospel. If we do not believe in the Bible, from where can we obtain the comfort and knowledge we so sorely need?

When we do believe and gain faith in the knowledge that God lives, that Jesus is our Saviour and that He also lives, when we believe and know the Bible to be the word of God and not just a book of good stories, then we will never be without comfort or guidance.

Psalm 23 tells us of God's grace:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

In Matthew, Chapter 11, verses 28-30 we read:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel is the way of life Jesus speaks about. He has been the perfect example of how to live. He was sinless. People, once they believe in the Gospel, might be heard to say, "It is easy for Jesus to keep the commandments, He is the Son of God." But was it easy? Jesus, the Son of an immortal Father and mortal Mother was subjected to the same temptations as you and I. He too was tempted by the devil. But he had courage to resist evil. This courage He received was by prayer to His Father. If we really live the Gospel, it will become a part of us as well, for spiritually we are His sons and daughters. Through our own faith we may receive the blessings of courage and strength that was given Jesus. Then will we find our burden lighter, we will find the yoke that Jesus bore easy for us to bear as well.

From Psalms 27 we read:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger; thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord."

We, being human, wait too much on ourselves. We think more about the material possessions of the world than our fellowmen or the Lord. The answer we give for the sins and errors we commit is "but we are only human." Jesus, the son of God, was subjected to the same temptations of sin and error, but He loved others more than Himself and thought more of their welfare. Through His love we receive innumerable blessings.

But we take our lives and blessings too much for granted. We forget it is only by the grace of God that we live one day after another. The Lord showers so many blessings upon us every day. We have our eyesight, our hearing, our voices and our health. So much He gives, and promises still greater blessings to those who will keep His commandments. If we work hard enough to keep God's commandments, our love for the Gospel and our fellowmen will grow and bloom and spread, because when you know the truth and live the truth it will radiate from you to others.

Paul tells us in First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, Verses 15-23:

"See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

Despise not prophesyings.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jesus endured scorn, scourging, thorns, and the agony of being nailed to a cross because He loved us. For this cause He died for us. Yet, how quickly do we mortals forget His sacrifice and become angry and offended at such petty and unimportant things.

Jesus, hanging on the cross, said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Though He was nailed on a cross and crucified by His enemies, He forgave them. Why then should we, being the sons and daughters of God, find fault and feel offence

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THE CULTURAL VALUES OF THE

RELIEF SOCIETY

by

Joan Clarke — Copperbelt Branch

SINCE its organization, the Church has always held the right of women to develop her gifts through education.

In the early days, I think the general opinion was that a woman's place was in the home. This view still holds today with a difference. Women these days do take positions of some sort in the business world prior to marriage and homemaking.

Brigham Young mentioned as suitable subjects for women to study; the fine arts, music, painting, literature, business, science, mining, medicine, civil government and law.

President Joseph F. Smith had similar thoughts when he said "It is very important to the welfare, usefulness, happiness and comfort of our daughters, that they learn some branch of industry that could be turned to practical account in the way of making a living, should circumstances require it."

The Relief Society was organised on the 17th March, 1842, by the Prophet Joseph Smith, the main purpose of the organization being to foster the welfare of the members. This meant the relief of poverty, illness, doubt and ignorance. The relief of all that hindered the joy and progress of women.

We are told in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 130:

"Whatever principle of intelligence we attain in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection. And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come."

The dictionary definies culture as "the enlightenment and refinement of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training. Culture is also the act of developing by education, discipline and training."

In 1942, on the hundreth anniversary of the Relief Society, the First Presidency wrote a greeting to the Relief Society in which they stated:

"In the work of Relief Society are intellectual, cultural and spiritual values found in no other organization and sufficient for all general needs of its members."

Latter-Day Saints are under an obligation to seek out the truth and great books to obtain truths, the greatest of all being the scriptures. The Theology lesson of the Relief Society is given over to the study of the scriptures. At the present time our study course is the Doctrine and Covenants. Many valuable lessons are learned from the scriptures which help us to attain culture and refinement. These modern scriptures are particularly appropriate to our lives today, and through them we can find the right solutions to our problems, and will help us to build on solid foundations, lives which will bring us joy and happiness now and throughout eternity.

Our Work lessons teach us the small essentials of nursing and much in the way of homemaking. In order to make a home a place of joy and happiness, the talents and creative abilities of women should be used to the best advantage in their homes. Dr. Virginia Cutler in the preview of discussions on Work Meeting for 1962/63 says: "Some so-called homes today are merely filling stations, where members drive in, fill up and blow out. Others are quick change places where the main function is to get ready to go to some other place. Our belief is that "Families are forever" and the Relief Society does help to make our homes, homes where our children like to be and to bring their friends."

Our Social Science lessons have been on "the place of women in the Gospel Plan." Our purpose is to create an environment of physical, intellectual and spiritual beauty in the home.

President David O. McKay has said "The experience of childhood will remain undimmed on the walls of memory. And so it is our duty to give of the best to these precious children who are entrusted to us for guidance."

Our literature lessons give us a study of English and American authors, and although we have not been able to obtain much in the way of American literature apart from what is set out in our Relief Society Magazine, it has been enjoyable being able to acquaint ourselves with the names and life stories of the authors.

Beautiful music also adds refinement to our lives and the lives of our families. The Relief Society offers much in the way of music and the report for 1961 states that 41,124 sisters were taking part in ward and branch Relief Society Singing Mothers choruses. The Bible mentions music many times and the 100th Psalm tells us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing."

The Relief Society Magazine is a wonderful source of information and uplift. Not only does it supply us with our lesson material, but gives us uplifting articles and stories. It also gives us the opportunity of developing and showing our talents. Each year short story writing and poem competitions are held and all members of Relief Society are encouraged to put forward their contributions.

The Relief Society gives us endless ways of developing culturally and all our lesson material is approved by the Priesthood.

The affairs of the Relief Society are run by women and all Branches of the Relief Society have women counsellors. In 1961 there were 231,175 members of the Relief Society enjoying the many cultural values offered through this wonderful organization.

Today the Relief Society literally is a "school of learning" for its members, an institution whose educational programme does not merely impart information and increase the knowledge of its members, but also builds faith and develops spirituality, for all subjects are taught in the light of Gospel truths.

In closing I would like to mention the words of Emmerson:

"Grant this we pray thee,
that all they who read or utter noble thoughts may make them theirs,
and thank God for them,
to the betterment of their succeeding life."

Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

RELIEF SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

THE TOP THREE

Branch	Percent Attendance
BELLVILLE	120%
SPRINGS	107%
CARLTONVILLE	100%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	Number of Magazines	Sick Visits	Visiting Teachers' Visits
Bellville	10	12	120%	6	38	26
Bloemfontein*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bulawayo	23	15	65%	6	—	—
Carltonville	5	5	100%	2	—	5
Copperbelt	14	11	78%	14	—	—
Durban	39	25	64%	13	7	11
East London	12	9	75%	5	—	18
East Rand	18	7	39%	11	—	—
Gwelo*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Krugersdorp	20	16	80%	11	27	24
Klerksdorp	8	7	85%	4	6	10
Mowbray*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pietermaritzburg	9	8	86%	3	—	2
Port Elizabeth	14	10	71%	1	—	—
Pretoria	40	22	55%	18	—	—
Primrose	15	11	73%	6	—	22
Ramah*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury	14	11	78%	11	9	—
Springs	14	15	107%	17	17	25
Vereeniging	9	5	55%	7	—	—
Welkom	9	5	55%	4	—	5
Kimberley*	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Branches which did not submit reports.
** A newly organised Relief Society. — Well done Carltonville.

PURPOSE IN LIFE (Continued from page 90)

with one another. Rather we should have within our hearts thanks to our Father in Heaven for caring for us; for His comfort and guidance given us; for His forgiving us as we repent from our wrong doings.

Then, as we live, we should feed our souls with this food given us by our Father in Heaven within the Gospel. And as we live lives of righteousness, then like the words of the hymn, you can say, "Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, Rejoice, I say, Rejoice." There will be much rejoicing as, after living all the commandments, we are reunited with our Father in the Celestial Kingdom.

Let us "Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord." (Psalm 117.)

EVERY CHILD ENROLLED IN PRIMARY

All of the workers in the Transvaal District Primary attended a luncheon held in their honour at the Mission Home on 9th February, 1963. The theme of the luncheon was a mobile poster depicting the goal for 1963—"To have every child of Primary age enrolled in Primary." Twenty-eight Sisters were in attendance.

The Primary workers who attended the luncheon held in their honour at the Mission Home. Sister Theodora Cherrett, the Transvaal District Primary President, is on the far left front row, and Sister H. Alldredge, the Mission Primary Adviser, is on the far right front row.

"We can do no more than let others judge for themselves what we inwardly and really are, and do the same ourselves with them. The one essential thing is that we strive to have light in ourselves. Our strivings will be recognised by others, and when people have light in themselves it will shine out from them. Then we get to know each other as we walk together in the darkness, without needing to pass our hands over each other's face, or to intrude into each other's hearts."

—Albert Schweitzer.

THINKING MAKES IT SO

D. J. Sawyer — Krugersdorp Branch

"THOU shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee." (Job 22:28.) Mortals have struggled so long and unsuccessfully against evil that they have come to regard it as inevitable. The futility of existence seems to be proved daily by many things we see and hear. Actually, the mere fact that they do not see a reason for living means that they desire good; but because their knowledge is so very limited, they conclude that it is unobtainable in this life, so gloomily they go to the grave expecting God to be more merciful in death than in life.

That is what man thinks. Surely whatever man's environment, he cannot lack ample opportunity to do good, and instead of thinking only of himself and his problems, he can do all the good he can to others around him. Not necessarily something big and spectacular. That is not what is meant by doing good; small things, kind deeds, little thoughtful acts, even thinking merely good thoughts about one's neighbour is the start to serene happiness. If 50% of the people on earth started to think only good thoughts, and acted on them, doing all the good they could to people with whom they come into contact, the amount of good brought into operation would be beyond human comprehension. All mankind would be happier and healthier if their thoughts were constructive and controlled.

Wrong, evil, ignorant or malicious thoughts, fear, revenge and hatred all work together to undermine the constitution of the one who gives these errors heed. But he who is so occupied with right thinking and acting that he leaves no foothold in his own consciousness, places a bulwark around himself that is a sure defence against the shafts of evil.

The Saviour said, "Love your enemies; do good to those that despitefully use you." If man realized how much of the evil and pain that he suffers originated in his own mind, he would stop being a factory for his own trouble, and start manufacturing good for all.

All success, all achievement, all material gain, and all wealth is spun from this one original force ... Thought—A force that must be ordered and controlled, a power directed and disciplined for good. The wandering mind produces nothing of value, and is responsible for a very large number of the failure we meet in life. Everything that was ever created was at first a thought—the chairs we sit on, the writing desk, the piano against the wall, our clothes, everything! From the smallest article of furniture to the tallest skyscraper, all originated from constructive thinking.

Just as we can use fire to boil our food or burn down the house, so we can use thought in our lives to build up or tear down.

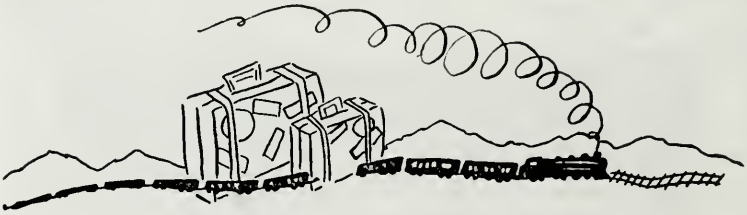
The things we talk about, the way we dress and our bearing all reflect our thinking. We are the product of our OWN thoughts, showing outwardly what we are inwardly. Positive, kind, and disciplined thoughts can produce so-called miracles in our lives. There are no limits to its power and it can achieve the seemingly impossible.

Pestalozzi, a great thinker said: "Thinking leads man to knowledge. He may see and hear, and read and learn whatever he pleases, and as much as he pleases; he will never know anything of it, except that which he has thought over, that which by thinking he has made the property of his own mind. Is it then saying too much if I say that man, by thinking only, becomes truly man? Take away thought from man's life, and what remains?"

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER MERRILL A. BARNEY—Travelling Elder, March 4, 1963.
ELDER A. JERALD MAUGHAN—Travelling Elder, March 4, 1963.



TRANSFERS

ELDER DIGBY G. CHATER—from Cape Town to Johannesburg, March 15, 1963.
ELDER MERRILL A. BARNEY—from Johannesburg to Cape Town, March 15, 1963.
ELDER RONALD R. MILLBURN—from Krugersdorp to Benoni, March 17, 1963.
ELDER MARION B. CHUGG—from Port Elizabeth to Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, March 2, 1963.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were recently held for the Salisbury Chapel, and construction will soon commence. An artist's sketch of the Chapel appeared on the cover of the February issue of the CSM. Those breaking the ground are from left to right: Brother Alexander Corbett, President O. Layton Alldredge and President Kenneth Trotter.

FROM OUR FILES

Baptisms

BELLVILLE
HARRISON, Clifford Beverly
LOTTER, Frederik Roux
SIEMS, Ronald D. B.
BULAWAYO
NISH, Heather Christie Warren
COPPERBELT
CALTEAUX, Michael James
LUKE, Harold Richard
LUKE, Robert Ernest George
LUKE, Robert Ralph
LUKE, Rosalie Maud
ZOEF, Jacq Izak
EAST LONDON
MAC FARLANE, Audrey F
EAST RAND
HOLDSTOCK, May
SCOTT, Barbara V.
KRUGERSDORP
DEYSEL, George B.
GREER, Ruth
SPARG, Joan M.
SPARG, John F. W.
MOWBRAY
BARBARA, Cornelie N.
CAMPBELL-MILLAR, Penelope A.
DE VILLIERS, Rocco C.
FOURIE, Gary A.
KALLIS, Denise Hillary
KARNEZOS, Nicholas T.
KARNEZOS, Noreen M.
PIKE, Shelagh Roberta
TODD, Cecil A.
TODD, Diane C.
TODD, Jean Cynthia
TODD, Michael
VAN DER MERWE, Judith P. D.
VAN DER MERWE, Stephen D.
PIETERMARITZBURG
PHIPPEN, David Dudley
SNEEDEN, Glenn R.
PORT ELIZABETH
CORRIGAN, Patricia
PRETORIA
BARNES, Gavin John
HARDIMAN, Gina
LAIDLAW, Lucy Catherine
OSMAN, Carline Clarissa
POTGIETER, Catharina W. S.
POTGIETER, Christiaan W.
RICHARDS, Yvonne
SHIPMAN, Barbara Ann
SHIPMAN, Evelyn
SHIPMAN, Henry John
PRIMROSE
WILSON, Henry John
RAMAH
SLABBERT, Jacobus N. M.
SPRINGS
MAC MILLAN, Bruce Leonard
VAN DER WALT, Andries Johannes
VEREENIGING
KUIT, Richard J.
WELKOM
VAN RENSBURG, Mary-Ann Janse
VAN RENSBURG, Nicholas Janse

Blessings

KRUGERSDORP
LIND, Sven
SPARG, Craig John
SPARG, Judy Margaret
MOWBRAY
FOURIE, Desmond John
OSMAN, Charles George
RAMAH
BIBB, Shirley Anne
JARDINE, Avril Denise
WEAVER, Heather Hilary
WEAVER, Hylton Charles

Deaths

EAST RAND
MILLER, Elizabeth Johanna
MOWBRAY
BUTT, Maria Magdalena

Marriages

RAMAH

FRENCZY, Susan Ann—married on the 2nd of February, 1963 to Jeffery Norencish Swarts.

PIETERMARITZBURG

GOVER, Desireé Pamela—married on the 16th February, 1963 to David Dudley Phillen.

BULAWAYO

JUBBER, Walter Taylor—married on the 2nd of March, 1963 to Charlote Hazel Woolf.

PIETERMARITZBURG

ROBERTS, Glynis Honor Lucille—married on the 12th of January, 1963 to Donald Norman Hulley.

Ordinations

KRUGERSDORP

HANEKOM, Dirk Jacobus—to a Priest.
LIND, Kenneth Forsyth—to a Priest.

PORT ELIZABETH

VAN HEERDEN, Willem Johan—to a Priest.

PRETORIA

EDDON, Sidney James Cook—to a Deacon.
HERHOLDT, David Michael—to a Deacon.
HERHOLDT, John Peter—to a Deacon.
MULLER, Johann Frederick—to a Deacon.
MULLER, Stanley Arthur—to a Deacon.
SMIT, Johannes Gerhardus—to a Deacon.
UTENBOGAARDT, Stephen—to a Deacon.

PRIMROSE

DE WET, Johannes Christiaan—to a Priest.

SALISBURY

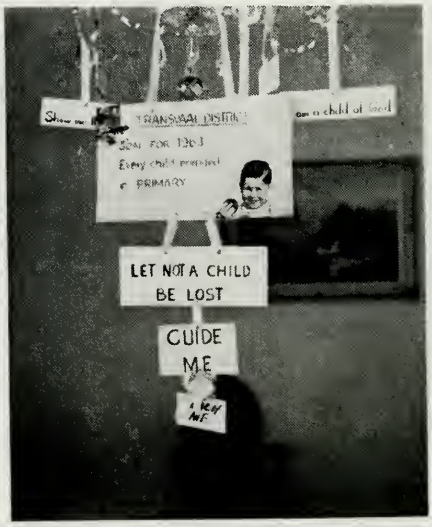
PEPPER, Arthur Vernon—to a Priest.

SPRINGS

LEISEGANG, David—to a Deacon.

VEREENIGING

KINGSLEY, Howard Norman—to a Deacon.



Cover: Mobile poster depicting the 1963 Primary goal—every child of Primary age enrolled in Primary.

BRANCH REPORTS

BELLVILLE BRANCH

June Storey

IN the past few months Bellville seems to have gone ahead by leaps and bounds. Our whole Branch has been reorganized with the exception of Brother Nicolaas J. A. Goosen, who is still our Branch President. He now has Brother Noel Storey and Brother Jan J. Booysen assisting him as first and second counsellors respectively. We feel that they are really progressing well in their work.

Our Sunday School is now also reorganized, with Brother Jan J. Booysen as Superintendent and Brother Charles Frederick Jakins and Brother Fredrik R. Totter as First and Second Counsellors. They are very busy with enlistment and have everyone in the Branch on their toes.

The M.I.A., also reorganized, is now under the direction of Brother Richard R. Siems, with Sister June Storey and Brother John R. Foreman as First and Second Counsellors.

The Relief Society President is Sister Dorothea E. A. Storey, with Sister Jeanette Goosen as First Counsellor and Sister Suzanna Jakins as Second Counsellor. We are also hoping to organize a Primary here.

The attendance at all of our meetings has been on the upward climb, and with the six baptisms in the last two months, we are really keen to get started on our Chapel. We intend buying ground in the very near future and so have organized a Building Fund Committee, which is under the direction of Brother Cliff Harrison. Brother Harrison is so enthusiastic that his enthusiasm has been radiated in the Saints here. All are eager to start work. The Spirit of the Lord has indeed been with us.

We would now like to extend our best wishes to all Saints in all parts of the Republic and the Rhodesias. We want them to know that we think of them often and hope that they succeed in all their endeavours.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Alma Robb

ON 2nd and 3rd March District Conference was held, at which we once again had the pleasure of having President and Sister Alldredge and Carol with us. We were also privileged to have with us President and Sister Cherrett, the Branch President and his family from Welkom, the Branch President from Kimberley and other visiting members.

Saturday evening prior to Conference started off with a curry and rice supper, which was enjoyed by all. After that we all enjoyed a lovely variety concert put on by the M.I.A. and Branch Presidency. Thanks go to Sister Doris Fripp for the lovely play that she wrote, Brother Peter Milne for producing the play, Brother Ralph Fripp for the beautiful

scenic drawings he did, and to all others who had to do with the play, as well as those who took part; it was well worth seeing.

Conference started on Sunday morning with a combined Priesthood and Relief Society service. We divided after the opening exercises for our separate meetings. We had some very inspiring talks given by various members. The addresses given by President and Sister Alldredge and President and Sister Cherrett were a real inspiration to all of us.

Prior to the second session of Conference the following Brothers were interviewed and successfully sustained and advanced to Deacons in the Priesthood:—Brother Robert Driskel, Brother Ralph Fripp, Brother Henk Oostveen, Brother Peter Fripp, Brother Paul Heydenrych and Brother Gavin Spear. Hearty congratulations to you all. May the Spirit of the Lord be with you always.

The Singing Mothers of this Branch sang the hymn "The Lord is My Shepherd" during the afternoon session. Well done, Mothers! It was beautifully sung.

A cold lunch, salads, fruit and cakes were served during the break and enjoyed by all.

With the close of the last session of Conference all of our various visitors left for their homes. It was a lovely week-end, truly enjoyed by all.

CARLTONVILLE BRANCH

Cecilia Nell

IT was a pleasure to meet so many Primary Presidents and teachers at "Cumorah." We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sister Alldredge for the delightful luncheon and the sweet corsages.

Congratulations to Krugersdorp Branch. At last you have taken the most important step, that of your ground-breaking ceremony for your Chapel.

President Bibb and Sister Cherrett attended services at Carltonville Branch on 17th February. In the afternoon President Cherrett and daughters joined Sister Cherrett and assisted her in a slide-showing on Primary. Quite a few non-L.D.S. children attended. Thank you for the help you have given to us, Sister Cherrett.

The Nells spent the week-end of 24th February in Johannesburg. Here they attended the wedding of their second son Tony. May God bless you.

The Elders G. Boetes and K. Tischner were kind enough to come out to Carltonville to administer the Sacrament.

May God bless all the Saints.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Iris J. Engh

WHAT a joy it is to see so many new members and investigators attending meetings. The Church certainly is growing here on the Copperbelt. We are finding our present meeting place rather cramped, so one and all are putting their shoulders to the wheel to get our Chapel built, which, with God's help, will be started some time this year.

The good news today is the return of Sisters Arlene Harker and Glynis McTavish from the United States. These two Sisters have been away just over six months, and they were greatly missed in the Branch. We are all looking forward to a grand reunion.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for restoring Sister Pearl Brandon back to health after a long illness. Also her mother, Mrs. Hall, has been restored to good health. Another member whom we are pleased to welcome back is Robert Huntington. He is well on the way to recovery after his dreadful ordeal. It is lovely to see these members attending services again, to see that our prayers on their behalf have been answered.

We welcome Brother and Sister Luke and their two children and Brother Zoef into our midst. It was a "red letter day" for the Calteaux family to have Michael, their youngest child, baptised. We know that these members are going to be an asset to our Branch, and may the Lord's choicest blessings be theirs.

Our Conference is to be held on 16th and 17th March, when President and Sister Alldredge will be with us. Their presence will make this occasion a very special one for us here at the "edge of beyond."

The Copperbelt Branch sends greetings to all the Saints throughout the South African Mission.

DURBAN BRANCH

Pat Kunitz

EVERY month there seems to be some further progress to report in connection with the remodelling and furnishing of our church buildings. This month the carpets and curtains have been installed in our Chapel, and we find that in such lovely surroundings our meetings are more reverent.

Our Branch Conference was held on 10th February, and our District and Branch Leaders centred their remarks around the theme "The Field is White Already to Harvest," encouraging us all to be missionaries all the time.

In preparation for the M.I.A. Convention, the Speech Festival was held on 19th February. All of the talks were of a very high standard, and hidden talents were discovered. Diane Soane was a worthy winner, and she will be an able representative for the Durban Branch at the Convention.

Our volley ball teams are practising very hard, for they are determined to keep the cups that we won last year. As the league games commence very shortly, the basketball players are also training hard under the coaching of Eric Nunn. There is also a whisper that they may be going on a tour.

The Relief Society is now in full swing, and a most enjoyable and informative demonstration was given during the month on make-up by a famous French beauty house. A successful cake sale was also organized by the Sisters.

We were very happy to have President and Sister Alldredge in our midst for a few days. President Alldredge performed two marriages on Saturday, 16th February. Sister Kathleen McLellan was married to Peter Wannenburg, and Sister Desiree Gover was married to Brother David Phippen.

We welcome Brother Dick Jakins and his sons Sheridan and Sorrel into the Durban Branch.

We send our congratulations to Sister Lorraine and Brother John Filmalter on the birth of their baby daughter Jane Elizabeth. She has already been out to church, and she was much admired by all.

Sister Mary Vice and Sister Lloyd are still on the sick list.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Shirley Evans

ON Sunday evening, 10th March, Brother and Sister Cherrett paid our Branch a visit. It was lovely having them with us and delightful hearing them speak.

The M.I.A. has held two very enjoyable picnics at Murray Park, a pleasure resort near Springs. The afternoons were spent swimming and playing volleyball, and just before leaving for home a braai was held. The second picnic was in the form of a watermelon bust.

Brother Tex Smith of Ramah addressed us on 17th February. We were all much strengthened by his fine talk.

On Sunday, 2nd March, Elder Maughan showed us the slides that are presented at the group teaching meetings, and explained to us the advantages of this method of spreading the Gospel. We were also addressed by Elder Merrill Barney.

The week prior to the Branch Conference was a very busy one. At the M.I.A. meeting on Tuesday evening Sister Gloria Alexander was sustained as Secretary, with Dianne Adendorff as Attendance Secretary. Brother Cloete is still the President, with Sister Alexander and Sister Evans as his Counsellors. There were a few changes in the Primary also. Sister Norma Bester was released as Counsellor to take her new position in the Relief Society. Sister van Zyl remains the President, with her new Counsellor Sister Mary Adendorff. Sister Anna Botha was sustained as the Gaynotes' teacher.

Brother Fred van Zyl was released as President of the Genealogical Society, together with his Counsellors, Sister Jurina Coetzee and Brother Hendrick Botha. Brother Botha has become the new President, with Sister Balmer and Brother Evans as his Counsellors. Brother Balmer will be the teacher.

Sister Daphne Alexander was released as the Relief Society President, and as a token of appreciation for all the hard work which she has put in, President Adendorff presented her with a small gift. The new President is Sister Norma Bester, and her Counsellors are Sisters Shirley Evans and Valerie le Roux, and Sister Anna Cloete is Secretary. The Branch and Sunday School Presidencies remain unchanged.

On Saturday evening, 9th March, a fancy dress parade was organized by the Relief Society. The winner of the six years and under group was Belinda Jacobs, dressed as Little Bo Peep. Michael le Roux came second as a Pirate. Winner of the 7 to 17 group was Audrey le Roux, dressed as Ag Pleez Daddy. She had chewing gum hanging from her ears, empty cool drink bottles tied to her clothes, and all the rest of the items mentioned in the song. The second prize was awarded to Dianne Adendorff as Patty's School. The over 17 group was won by Sister Elizabeth Balmer as a Teapot. On her back was a placard with this inscription: "If you can lift me up you can pour me!" Brother Evans came second as a Scarecrow. He looked real enough to scare any bird. Among the others who came in costume were Sister Botha as a Moon Bride and Brother Balmer as a Kilty. The parade was followed by a supper of curry and rice.

After everyone had satisfied their hunger, Brother and Sister Cherrett presented the Primary programme, which consisted of slides and narrations on the slides. The Primary children took part in the programme by singing the song "Teach Me to Walk in the Light."

Sister Hyde is ill and is in the Far East Rand Nursing Home.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan

WE welcome Elder B. Thompson to East London, and we hope that he will be happy in his labours here. We already have an Elder G. Thomson labouring here, so these synonymous names get the Elders as well as the members confused.

We wonder if Sister Wiid's visit had anything to do with the heavy rainfall in East London. Did she, perchance, have one of those Western Cape rain clouds tucked in her suitcase and let it escape here, for her brief stay in East

London was heralded with torrential rain. Despite the weather, some of the Saints managed to make their way to the home of Brother and Sister Corrigan, and there they met Sister Wiid. Those who came were rewarded with a wonderful informal talk on "Genealogical Research" by Sister Wiid, and we thank her sincerely for giving her vacation time to visit the Saints in the various Branches to encourage them to do research for their dead.

Rain and still more rain during the early part of March has held up building progress on the chapel site, but perhaps it was a blessing in disguise. After such heavy downpours only firmly packed soil could remain, and the Saints in East London were pleased to see that the built-up area on the Chapel site withstood the onslaught of water.

On Wednesday, 13th March, the Relief Society Sisters gave Sister Jo Roux a surprise by celebrating their Relief Society birthday party in the Rouxs' new flat. Each Sister presented Sister Roux with a gift for the baby she is expecting in the near future. As this day was Sister Trollip's birthday as well, the Sisters made this a special occasion for her too.

The Relief Society is in the news this month, as the Sisters decided to present the Relief Society Memory Book Programme to the other members of the Branch on Sunday evening, 7th March. Although there had been only a couple of practices and one full rehearsal in the hall before the presentation, the Sisters acquitted themselves very well. So cleverly were some of the Sisters disguisd to represent the various characters that they were not readily recognised by the audience.

Brother Ralph Corrigan had a minor accident while frisking in a wool storehouse. He banged the top of his head so severely against a cement beam that the scalp was cut open, and consequently he had to have three stitches put in by the doctor. Apart from this and the shock, he was none the worse afterwards.

We miss Brother and Sister Beard, who are on holiday and are spending part of their vacation in Johannesburg.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Joyce Levy

THE Krugersdorp Branch is really full of activity and enthusiasm. On 16th February President Alldredge came over and we had the ground-breaking ceremony for our Chapel. This indeed was a wonderful occasion and a long-awaited one. After the ceremony all the members went to the home of Brother and Sister Paterson for a social. This was a lovely party, with lots of food and plenty of fun and games.

The Brothers are very busy pulling out all the trees that will be in the way of the Chapel building. They are working very hard but are enjoying it.

We wish to congratulate Sister Ruth Greer, who was baptised on 2nd February. We pray the Lord will bless her and that as she grows she will be an example to her friends.

We wish to congratulate Brother and Sister Delport on the birth of a lovely baby girl. She was born on the same day as our ground-breaking ceremony!

A surprise party was given for Brother S. Coetze on the occasion of his birthday party. The party was really enjoyed by all, and Brother Coetze was certainly surprised.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Beatrice E. Smith

WHEN Primary opened on 4th February all of our auxiliary organisations were in action for the year. It is good to see how the little ones appreciate their own auxiliary.

The M.I.A. classes are all functioning, and one of the enthusiastic groups is the Study Group. They held a "Beggars' Banquet" on 5th February. If all beggars fare as royally as this group did, there will never be any cause for starvation among them. A "Sweetheart Dance" to celebrate Valentine's Day was held on 12th February. The hall was very well decorated with a hearts-and-flowers theme. We have some budding young artists in our midst who do splendid work on occasions such as this. Refreshments were served and everybody had a jolly time.

The Branch Building Fund is making very good headway. The Committee is very enthusiastic and has many plans for raising funds for the project. A braaivleis was held at Wynberg Park on 9th February. Everyone arrived at the gathering place determined to have a happy evening. The weather was absolutely perfect. While we waited for the "vleis" to "braai," Brother Poulsen set us to playing games, while the younger ones found amusement on the swings and seesaw. We thank all of those who made this outing so enjoyable.

Perhaps the happiest person in our Branch this month is Brother Boyd Macfarlane, whose mother, Mrs. Eumann, arrived from Australia on 2nd February. This is the first time that mother and son have met for many years. We have been charmed to meet Mrs. Eumann, and we hope she will make a long stay in our country.

We send our congratulations to Sister Cynthia Neilssen, who has become a grandmother for the third time. A second baby girl, Diane, has been born to her daughter Rosemary and Brother Douglas Henderson.

Brother George Bibb and his wife and baby have been on a visit from Johannesburg. It has been good to have them with us again.

Our sportsmen have had a chance to get in some basketball this month. Members and missionaries met teams from the American research ship on three separate occasions. The matches were thoroughly enjoyed both by players and spectators.

We wish to congratulate another young couple on the occasion of their marriage. Sister Patsy Fourie and Brother Olaf Wallender were married on Saturday, 16th February. The Chapel and hall were beautifully decorated. The bride wore white and the bridesmaids were in delphinium blue. The ceremony was performed by President John Wilson. The honeymoon was spent at Ceres. May God bless these young people in their life together.

Brother Udell Poulsen was missing from just a few of our meetings while he had his appendix removed. He is back in circulation once again and is looking as fit as ever.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Evans family on the loss of their father and husband. Brother Evans died in England and was buried on 23rd February. May the Lord comfort them in their grief.

Sister Maria Butt passed away on 23rd February after a long illness. Our sincerest condolences go to Brother Butt and to the other members of her family. The funeral took place on 25th February. Sister Butt will long be remembered for her willingness to help even when she was in very poor health. We shall always remember how she would make the

little posies for the Mother's Day programmes. May the Lord comfort her family in their sorrow.

During the month we have missed the Swart family, who made a short trip to Port Elizabeth, and also Brother Bob Burke, who went on a flying visit to Johannesburg.

The senior members were treated to an outing by the Relief Society on 23rd February. Each "senior" was called for and taken to "Cumorah." From here they were driven to Jonkershoek, which is near Stellenbosch. Refreshments were served under the oaks. It was truly a lovely afternoon in every respect. We were privileged to have the two oldest ladies of our Branch with us—Sister Mary Lawrie, who is in her 94th year, and Sister Martha Murphy, who is in her 86th year. We thank all of those who put cars at our disposal, and also all of those who made this such a delightful occasion in other ways.

Our Branch Conference was held on 24th February. The theme of the Conference was "The Church in Action." There were representatives from all auxiliaries to tell us just how active the Church is in their lives. The musical numbers were an organ solo by Sister Pauline Poulsen, a vocal solo by Sister Odessa Geldenhuys, and numbers by the choir. It was a day of great spiritual joy for all of those present at the meetnigs.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

D. Phippen

ON 23rd February a social was held at the home of Brother and Sister Ball. It was also the birthday of their son Chummy. All present enjoyed the evening very much, and we thank Brother and Sister Ball for the pleasant evening.

We send our congratulations to Brother and Sister Orth on the birth of their beautiful daughter Judith. She was born on 28th February. Congratulations are also in order for Brother and Sister Caine on the birth of their lovely son Grant. He was born on 3rd March.

We wish to thank Sister Wiid from Cape Town for the nice lesson she gave us on genealogy. The Branch was very happy to have President and Sister Alldredge with us on 16th and 17th February. On Sunday, 17th March, the Relief Society conducted the evening service, and it was very nice indeed.

We are happy to say that within the next couple of months the contractors will start building our Chapel. We have already started clearing the site.

During the month of February we said good-bye to Elder Tony Larsson, who worked very hard while with us. We also welcomed Elder Ronald Barlow into our midst, and we pray that our Heavenly Father will help and guide our missionaries in their labours at all times.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Madge McHugh

RELIEF SOCIETY held an opening social in the form of a dinner, which was well attended. During the evening musical items were given by Sisters Jean Charlsley and Madge McHugh. A recitation was given by Sister Charsley and a skit was presented by Brother and Sister Griffith and Brother van Heerden. The evening ended with community singing.

During the month we have had visitors passing through from various Branches. Brother and Sister Harrison from Bellville visited us; Sister Wiid, while here, spent a couple of days with us, holding meetings on genealogy; and Sister Bury passed through on her way to Durban.

M.I.A. held a braaivleis in the grounds of the Van Heerden home, and a lovely time was had by all. The younger set spent their time dancing and the older members sang community songs.

Relief Society held a special evening service to commemorate the birthday of Relief Society. Speakers were Sisters van Heerden, Pittendrergh, Puffet and Ek. Brother Ben Griffith also spoke on behalf of the Priesthood. During the evening the Singing Mothers rendered two lovely songs.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Anna Muller

WE were honoured to have President Alldredge with us for Priesthood and Sunday School meetings on 10th February. His message to us was a source of great inspiration to our members.

The Relief Society Conference held on 14th February was attended by President Smit, President and Sister Powrie and Sister Dewsnup. Sister Dewsnup gave a very interesting talk, and we are looking forward to her next visit.

On 15th February a very interesting film on primary work was shown in the Cultural Hall by Sister Cherrett. Following this, beautiful songs were rendered by the primary pupils. We express our sincere thanks to Brother and Sister Cherrett for a most enjoyable evening.

Sunday, 17th February, was Branch Conference Sunday. We were very pleased to have the District Presidency and our Mission Sunday School Superintendent in attendance. The Teachers' Training Course Certificates were presented by President Powrie, who congratulated Brother Miessner and his class on their excellent work. Brother Meyer gave a talk on enlistment work, and may this inspire our members to renew their efforts in this important work.

Many new officers were sustained during Branch Conference, including our new Branch President, President du Preez. To all these new officers we extend our heartiest congratulations. May our Heavenly Father bless them and guide them; and to those officers who were released we extend our thanks for everything that they have done. May the Lord bless them for their wonderful service in His Church.

A most enjoyable "Moonlight Capers" party was held on 23rd February, and many members from other Branches were in attendance. We give thanks to the Pretoria Relief Society, who contributed the refreshments. We are very happy to see so many visitors from other Branches at our meetings. We enjoy their visits and we hope to see them often in the future.

We send congratulations to all those Brethren who were ordained as Deacons this month.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Sister Nella van Vuuren, who is ill in the hospital. We hope she will soon recover, for we certainly miss her presence at our meetings.

We would like to welcome Brother and Sister van Steen and their three lovely little girls to Pretoria. May they be very happy here.

During the past month we said good-bye to Elders Burnet, Barlow and Tischner. We pray that the Lord may bless them and guide them in their new fields of labour. We would like to welcome Elder Cramer to Pretoria, and may the Lord bless him in his labours in our Branch.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

WE had a wonderful time at the fireside which was held at Brother and Sister de Wet's home. We had a very good attendance, and we express our thanks to the Sisters who supplied the food.

Our group teaching meetings are proving to be a great success. Elder Oldroyd promised a party to the family who contributed the most to the group teaching programme. Brother and Sister Wilson were the lucky winners, and they were given the party. Other Church members who made group teaching successful also attended the party, and all had a good time.

Young Francroy Wilson had his tonsils removed. After all of his aches and pains he is again a picture of health. We wish to congratulate Brother and Sister Douglas Roberts on their new baby girl. May she grow up to be a blessing to her parents.

Our building fund is growing steadily, and in the near future Primrose hopes to purchase their ground for a Chapel. We have been having a weekly sale of fudge and cakes to raise funds.

RAMAH BRANCH REPORT

Tiny Matthews

THIS month the M.I.A. activities are confined to preparations for the Convention in April. The "Road-Show" was written by Brother Clive Nicholls and is being produced by Ramah. At Convention all the Branches will compete in the "Road-Show" which is judged on the point system. Marks are given for talent, singing, dancing and so forth, so Ramah is using all its meetings for rehearsels.

The M.I.A. volley-ball enthusiasts are having frequent practices and are enjoying them thoroughly.

"Papa and the Playhouse" is making progress but is finding it necessary for the participants to put their "ALL" into it now as the time for production is very short.

The Relief Society had their 121st Birthday on 17th March and held their social in celebration on 14th March. It was a delightful evening, well attended. Sister Signe Thompson and Sister Barnes sang a Relief Society hymn. Sister Marie played the piano and then Sister Ivy Clark addressed the meeting. Thereafter the birthday cake was cut and refreshments served. The ordinary Relief Society meetings have been averaging 32 in attendance which is most encouraging. A "jumble" sale was held at Sister Purchase's home and raised considerable funds. A good start has been made at visiting teaching and the Sisters are preparing for singing at the District Conference.

It was with deepest regret that we received the news of the birth and then subsequent death of Brother and Sister Scotts' little son. Our sincere sympathy to you, Brother and Sister Scott and we pray that God will bless you with great courage in this hard time.

We are pleased to have in our midst again two returned missionaries, Brother Koot deWet and Brother Tony Larssen. Their welcome home meeting was conducted on 10th March. Both families took part. There were many of their friends and relatives present and we especially appreciated the presence of Brother and Sister deWet from Bethlehem.

The Branch Conference was most successful and we welcome all our new Ramah auxilliary leaders. We also wish to welcome those from Vereeninging Branch. Brother Jimmy Matheson was sustained as second counsellor in the Ramah Branch Presidency. We offer our congratulations. We also wish to congratulate Brother Wrench, Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Norman Scott, Integration Chairman, and Brother Denis Robb, Genealogical Society Chairman.

Elder Digby Chater, whose mission is due to end the 19th April has had his activities in the mission field curtailed. He has contacted jaundice and had to be flown home from Cape Town. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Jung on the birth of their baby son.

The completion of the Ramah building project is within sight. The tennis court will soon be inviting to all the champions.

There have been two very successful and enjoyable "home evenings" held at the homes of the Taute and Newton families.

Primary teachers gave Sister Chater a surprise party at her home and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and lovely book on Motherhood in appreciation for her services as a teacher in Primary.

The Nicholls family seem to be settled down nicely in the States. We all enjoy their chatty letters so much. We do miss your happy faces at Ramah Brother and Sister Nicholls!

On 23rd March the Primary will be having an evening at which a film call "The Panorama of Primary" will be shown. It is hoped that many parents will attend so that they might be encouraged to maintain a Primary home partnership attitude. We also hope they will take a bigger interest in the childrens' attendance at Primary.

Primary is growing rapidly and still holds meetings at two places—in the Northern Suburbs at the home of Sister Lillian Brummer and at Ramah itself.

We are looking forward to a happy reunion with all the Branches at Convention!

SALISBURY BRANCH REPORT

Jean Schonnberg

WHAT a beautiful month this has been in Salisbury. Everywhere the eye turns one sees lush greenness, and every park and garden is a veritable profusion of blossom. We truly live in a very lovely part of our Heavenly Father's vineyard. We Saints here in Salisbury have really been blessed. In a few short months the spire of our Chapel will rise and be a landmark in this place—a living testimony to the glory and majesty of our Heavenly Father and a light to this people. What a thrill it was to hear President O. Layton Alldredge speak at the ground-breaking ceremony held on the 13th March. How he showed to us the vision of this House of the Lord as a place of worship, study, work and a cultural centre designed for the inspiration and uplift of the whole city was truly wonderful.

Our Branch Conference was held on Sunday, 10th March, and though President Alldredge was indisposed during the morning session, we were all happy to have him with us during the evening session to listen to his words of counsel.

The Relief Society met with Sister Alldredge at 9.00 a.m. The speakers were Sister Frost, Schonnberg, Trotter and Shaw, and they were followed by Sister Alldredge. The speaker developed the theme "A Pattern for Living". The Priesthood met at this time also. At 10.30 a.m. the first session of conference commenced. The speakers who addressed the Saints were Sister Sandra Corbett and Brother A. Frost. We send special congratulations to young Sandra on this splendid effort. Following these speakers Sister Alldredge addressed us on behalf of President Alldredge.

During the evening session, we heard from Sister Caroline Cullinan and Brother A. Pepper following the theme of present, past and future revelation from God. We were then privileged to hear from our Mission President who spoke words of great encouragement to us and expressed his faith in us. The Fisher family and Brother Hugh Hodkiss were also able to attend conference with us.

Saturday, 16th February, was the day on which a Priesthood project was held to build funds for the Chapel. A picnic, braaivleis and

social evening was arranged at Dombashawa. There were twenty three members and twenty five friends in attendance, and a wonderful time was had by all.

We are very sad to bid farewell to Brother and Sister Larson and their family who have left for Northern Rhodesia. They have been a source of inspiration to all of the members of the Branch. They are truly a living example of the Gospel. The M.I.A. arranged a social evening in their honour on the 19th February. A beautiful copper tray was presented to them, and a brooch also presented to Sister Larson. Our very best wishes and prayers go with them in their new assignment.

We also bid farewell to Elder Smith who has laboured here in our midst, and we pray our Heavenly Father's guidance to be with him as he goes to work in fresh fields. We welcome into our midst Elder Weatherbee who has arrived to take Elder Smith's place. May his mission for the Lord prove fruitful and a blessing to the whole community.

The Saints in Salisbury extend their best wishes for the future to all Branches of the Mission in South Africa.

SPRINGS BRANCH REPORT

Melaney Peterson

OUR combined M.I.A. and Sunday School enlistment party which was held in the home of Brother Noel and Sister Joan Futter was enjoyed by all those who attended, and fulfilled its purpose of bringing some of our non-active members together.

The Adlard family, who were recently baptised, have only a short while left in South Africa. Brother Adlard is going to work in Britain for two years. He is leaving by plane for London on 1st April, and Sister Adlard and the children will follow him in May. While in England they hope to do Temple work. We of the Branch pray that the Lord will bless them and that one day we'll have them with us again.

Quite a number of our members are enjoying holidays this month. Brother Marten Keuning, our Branch clerk, is in the Cape. Brother Ken and Sister Muriel Armstrong and Brother Reaford and Sister Maggie Futter are holidaying in Cape as well.

Sister Britz, who underwent a serious operation just recently, is now convalescing in the hospital. We ask members to remember this Sister in their prayers. Another Sister, Sister Dicks has also undergone an operation recently. She is back with her family and well on the road to good health. Brother King MacMillan has also been ill and we pray for a speedy recovery for him.

On the 17th February the M.I.A. held a fire-side at the home of Brother and Sister MacMillan. We listened to a recording from the Louw family in Canada. It was good to hear their voices, and to know that although they miss their old friends, they are all well and happy.

The M-Men and Gleaner class of the M.I.A. went on a native-hike for their monthly outing. With Brother Ken Armstrong, the class teacher, leading the way, they enjoyed a few hours of night walking. It was a real experience for those who had never ventured anything in that line before.

It was wonderful to have a number of new members confirmed at the beginning of March. Its also wonderful to know that the work of spreading the Gospel is going forward more quickly. The Mac Kay family, the Strydom children, and Brother Louis Botha were all confirmed members of the Church. We know that our Father in Heaven will bless them as they continue to grow in the Gospel. Welcome into the Branch!

Greetings and love to all members everywhere.

VEREENIGING BRANCH REPORT

Rowland Roberts

THERE is one baptism to report in the Branch this month. We welcome Sister Sonnckus to our fold and promise her our love and friendship.

Brother Roberts had the privilege of ordaining his stepson, Howard Norman Kingsley, to the office of a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood. We want Brother Kingsley to know that we are happy on his behalf and we'll endeavour to help him magnify and honour his Priesthood calling.

Ramah Branch Conference was enjoyed by all. We thank our Heavenly Father for refreshing our spirits. The Lord always seems to know what inspiration to give us when we are in need of His help. All of our Branch auxiliaries are functioning and our attendance is being maintained.

There has been no M.I.A. parties or firesides due to the illness of the children in the Branch. Everybody is on the mend and we will soon have our attendance up again.

We welcome President Pienaar and Brother Slabbert, our Branch clerk, back from holiday. They and their families are looking very fit and brown.

Truly the Lord blesses His children and honours those that love him and serve Him well. We send our regards to all the Saints everywhere and are grateful to our Heavenly Father that we are associated with them in this great Kingdom of our Heavenly Father here on earth.

WELKOM BRANCH REPORT

A. Gilburt

A BRANCH party was held on the 16th February at Blou-drift, the local picnic spot. Every one present throughly enjoyed the games that were played, and also the fine eats that were provided for the party.

To Brother Bricknell and his family go our deepest sympathy at this time. We pray that the Lord will comfort you at this time of trial.

The Welkom Chapel is progressing favourably, and is really looking beautiful even now, so it is difficult to say just how beautiful the completed chapel will be. We are all looking forward to the completion of the Chapel. Once we have our Chapel we will be able to start all of the other church auxiliaries which we are unable to have at present; therefore, once we are in full swing there will be a lot more to report.

We are happy to welcome back the Robinson family. They have been away in Ireland for the past three months. It is great to see their smiling faces once again.

For the sick of our Branch and throughout the Mission we pray for a speedy recovery. In the past month there have been a couple of operations, but I am pleased to say that these members have had a speedy recovery and are now well over the effects of the operations.

To young George Parkin goes our heartiest congratulations on his recent baptism, and we hope and pray that you will make the same steady progress in the future as you have done in the past.

A District Conference was held over the past week-end at Bloemfontein. Only a few of the members could attend this conference, but those present were greatly blessed by the very fine talks that were given by the chosen speakers. Many thanks go to the Bloemfontein Branch for the accommodations and the very fine eats that were provided for us. We really appreciate the love and kindness that you always show us.

Our greetings are extended to all Saints everywhere.

LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Chapel, Devenish Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Meetings: Vereeniging Peace Lodge, Joubert Street, Vereeniging.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Stateway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Labangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Frederick Knapp School Hall, Boma St., Kitwe.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road, (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Meetings: 121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya.

"It is not the many words that accomplish the designs of our Father in Heaven, with him it is the acts of the people more than their words.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

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